

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
ERT SYSTEM - INITIAL REPORT/FOLLOWUP

To Mary
From ERT

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COORDINATOR: SUSANNE WINTER

UNIQUE RECORD #: N10251

REGION: N

DATE/TIME REC'D: 09/09/92

12:08:32

REPORT TYPE: INITIAL

REPORTER'S NAME: FAM ELARDO

BUSINESS NAME:

NWRO - ECOLOGY

ADDRESS:

BEST TIME

OR ANONYMOUS:

TO CALL:

WORK PHONE: (206)-649-7126 EXT.

HOME PHONE:

DETAILS ON INCIDENT:

COUNTY: WHATCOM

NEAREST CITY: FERNDALE

WATERWAY:

WRIA #:

LOCATION:

4242 Alder Grove Road Ferndale, Wa.

WEATHER: UNKNOWN

TIDE:

DETAILS ON ALLEGED VIOLATOR:

NAME & ADDRESS:

TREOIL INDUSTRIES

CHERRY POINT INDUSTRIAL PARK

PO BOX 2399 FERNDALE WA 98248

CONTACT'S NAME:

SATPAL SIDHU

PHONE NUMBER AND EXT:

(206)-371-0777

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

DESCRIPTION OF CONTAMINANT: (PROVIDED BY REPORTER)

MEDIUM: SOIL

MATERIAL: OIL/PETROLEUM

OTHER: OIL

QUANTITY: UNKNOWN

SOURCE: COMMERCIAL

COMMENTS: DURING INSPECTION OIL CONTAMINATION WAS PRESENT IN THE NORTH SUMP AS IT WAS DURING THEIR DECEMBER 91 INSPECTION. IT HAS NEVER PROPERLY BEEN CLEANED UP. DOESN'T SUSPECT DISCHARGES SINCE THE LAST INSPECTION. SOILS AROUND THE SUMPS & THE SOLID WASTE FILES APPEARED CONTAMINATED W/OIL.

REFERRED TO PROGRAM: HWICP

SECTION HEAD: GALLAGHER-I.I.

EXTERNAL REFERRAL? (Y/N): N

IF EXTERNAL, WHAT AGENCY:

INVESTIGATION COMPLETED? (Y/N): N

IF YES, COMPLETE SECOND PAGE OF FORM.

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ADDITIONAL REFERRAL INFORMATION:

NAME OF STAFF PERSON: Pam Elardo
ACTION TAKEN: initial investigation
CAUSE OF INCIDENT: improper handling
IMPACT: soils contamination

DATE RECEIVED: 8/13/92
DATE INVESTIGATED: 8/13/92
DATE COMPLETED: 4/21/93
LUST:

ONPOINT: (UNK, GW, SW) POINT: (UNK, SW, PRETMT)

ACTUAL VIOLATOR INFORMATION:

NAME: Treoil Industries
ADDRESS: 4242 Elder Grove Rd.
CITY: Ferndale, Wa.
HOME:
WORK:

CONTACT: N/A

(Satpal Sidhu no longer works there)

ACTUAL CONTAMINANT:

MEDIUM: soil
MATERIAL: petroleum
QUANTITY: unknown
SOURCE: improper handling
OTHER:

ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE? (Y/N) (Y)

CROSS-REFERENCES TO OTHER SYSTEMS: ~~2475~~ 815 N-37-5037-000

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Consider ~~2475~~ done by Pam Elardo (WQ) during inspection for NPDES Permit. Assessors letter sent 4/22/93. Site SFS listed.

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Form Approved
OMB No. 2040-000
Approval Expires 7-

Section A: National Data System Coding

Transaction Code		NPOES								yr/mo/day						Inspection Type		Inspector		Fac Type																								
1M	2S	3WA	0	0	2	1	1	6	0	11	12A	2	0	8	1	3	17	1dC	1dS	2d2																								
Remarks																																												
Reserved		Facility Evaluation Rating								BI		QA		Reserved																														
67										70						71				72						73						74						75						80

Section B: Facility Data



Name and Location of Facility Inspected		Entry Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	Permit Effective On
TREDIL INDUSTRIES CHERRY POINT INDUSTRIAL PARK P.O. BOX 2399 FRENDALE, WA 98248		11	N/A
		Exit Time/Date	Permit Expiration
		12 NOON	N/A
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s)		Title(s)	Phone No(s)
SATPAL SIDHU		VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS	371-079
Name, Address of Responsible Official		Title	
↓ "		Phone No.	
		Contacted <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

N	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment	u	Operations & Maintenance
N	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedules	u	Sludge Disposal
u	Facility Site Review	u	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Self-Monitoring Program	N	Other:

Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s)  PAM EARD		Agency/Office/Telephone Ecology NWRO 649-7126	Date 8/19/92
Signature of Reviewer  DOUG KNUTSON		Agency/Office Ecology - NWRO - 649-7126	Date 8/31/92
Regulatory Office Use Only			
Action Taken		Date	Compliance Status <input type="checkbox"/> Noncompliance <input type="checkbox"/> Compliance

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE
INSPECTION REPORT

TO: Kevin Fitzpatrick, file
DATE OF VISIT: August 13, 1992

INSPECTOR: P. Elardo, D. Knutson
PERMIT NO: WA-003116-0 (draft)
PERMIT EXPIRES: n/a

TYPE OF INSPECTION

PERMIT APPLICATION X PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT COMPLIANCE
COMPLAINT ENFORCEMENT DROP IN X

FACILITY: Treoil Industries, Ltd.

ADDRESS: Cherry Point Industrial Park, PO Box 2399

CITY: Ferndale

ZIP: 98248

PHONE NO.: 371-0777

PERSON CONTACTED: Satpal Sidhu

TYPE OF FACILITY: Distillation of tall oil

RECEIVING WATER: ditch system discharging to Strait of Georgia

TYPE OF TREATMENT SYSTEM: oil/water separation

OPERATIONS: Satis Fair Unsat X ;
Complies with permit conditions

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this inspection was to ascertain whether Treoil was continuing to discharge without a NPDES permit. A draft permit was issued to this facility in February of 1992. In March we received a letter from Mr. Sidhu explaining that they did not expect to be in production until after June 1, 1992. Issuance of the public notice has therefore been delayed.

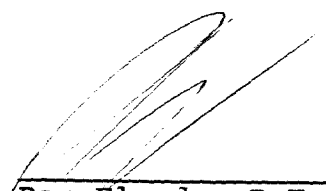
FINDINGS:

1. At the time of the inspection, the facility was not discharging. The gate was locked, and no one was present.
2. Oil contamination was present in the north sump as it was during the December, 1991, inspection. This indicates that the old spill was never properly cleaned up. I do not suspect they have discharged since the last inspection.
3. The soils around the sumps and the solid waste piles appeared contaminated with oil.
4. The south sump contained very turbid water. This water appeared to be entering the adjacent ditch drainage system.

5. Solid waste piles were haphazardly scattered about outside and inside the fenced property. An oily sludge was visible next to an empty drum.

FOLLOW UP:

- I will try to contact Mr. Sidhu to determine what the plans are for the facility.
- I will contact solid waste inspector Stuart Kent and the Whatcom County Health Department to report the improper disposal of solid waste.
- I will also contact Norm Peck in the Clean Up program as this facility may be considered a contaminated site.



Pam Elardo, P.E.
Chemical Engineer
Water Quality



PHOTO No: 1 DATE: 8/13/92 TIME: 11:20
 TAKEN BY: Pam Elardo WITNESS: Doug Knutson
 FILM/SPEED: _____ CAMERA: _____
 DESCRIPTION: South Swamp outside
Trefoil Property
 COMMENTS: Water very turbid
Some soil contamination visible



PHOTO No: 2 DATE: 8/13/92 TIME: _____
 TAKEN BY: PE WITNESS: DK
 FILM/SPEED: _____ CAMERA: _____
 DESCRIPTION: Trench leading to South Swamp
 COMMENTS: oil contamination visible



PHOTO No: 3 DATE: 8/13/92 TIME: 11:40
 TAKEN BY: PE WITNESS: DK
 FILM/SPEED: _____ CAMERA: _____
 DESCRIPTION: Sump discharge ditch
 COMMENTS: _____

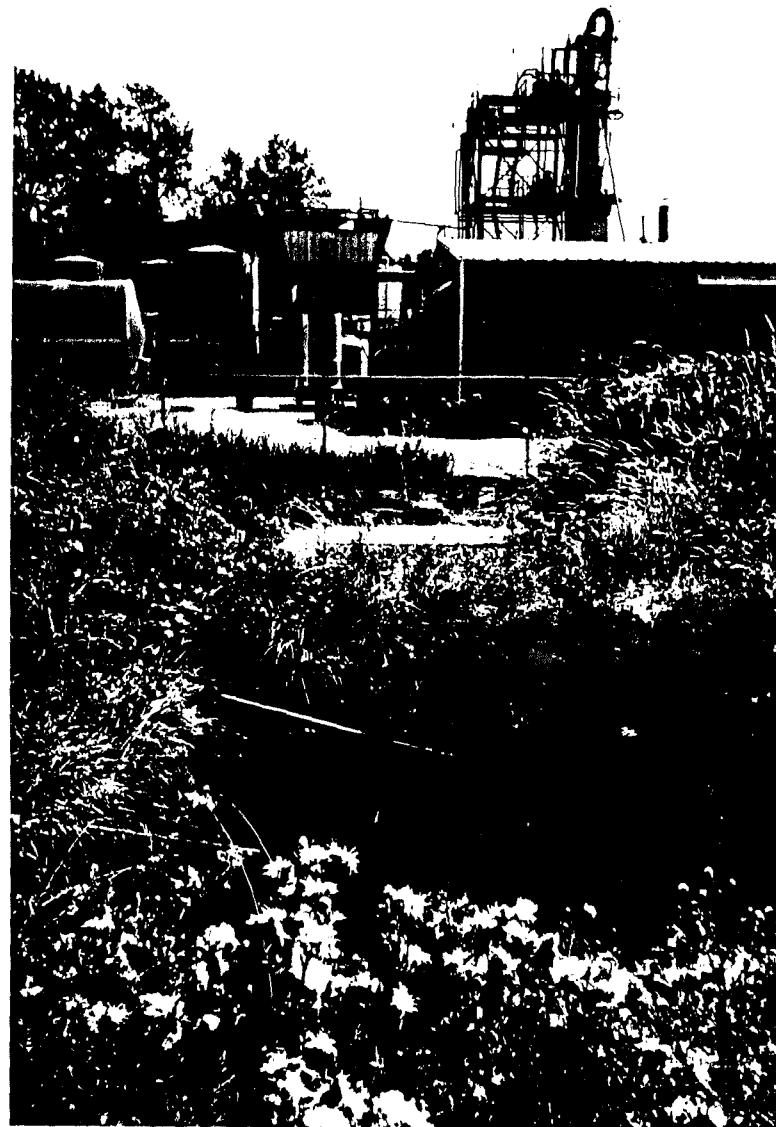


PHOTO No: 4 DATE: 8/13/92 TIME: _____
 TAKEN BY: PE WITNESS: DK
 FILM/SPEED: _____ CAMERA: _____
 DESCRIPTION: second chamber of North Sump
 COMMENTS: Thick, turbid, black

PHOTO No: 5
DATE: 8/13/92
TIME: 11:50
TAKEN BY: PC
WITNESS: DK
FILM/SPEED:
CAMERA:

DESCRIPTION:

First chamber
of Water
Sump

COMMENTS:

highly
contaminated



PHOTO No: 6
DATE: 8/13/92
TIME:
TAKEN BY: PC
WITNESS: DK
FILM/SPEED:
CAMERA:

DESCRIPTION:

solid waste
outside
fence

COMMENTS:



DATE: 8/13/92
TIME: 11:55
TAKEN BY: PE

WITNESS: _____

FILM/SPEED: DK

CAMERA: _____

DESCRIPTION:

stray drums
inside fenced
property

COMMENTS:



PHOTO No: 8
DATE: 8/13/92
TIME: _____
TAKEN BY: PE

WITNESS: _____

FILM/SPEED: DK

CAMERA: _____

DESCRIPTION:

solid waste
outside fence

COMMENTS:

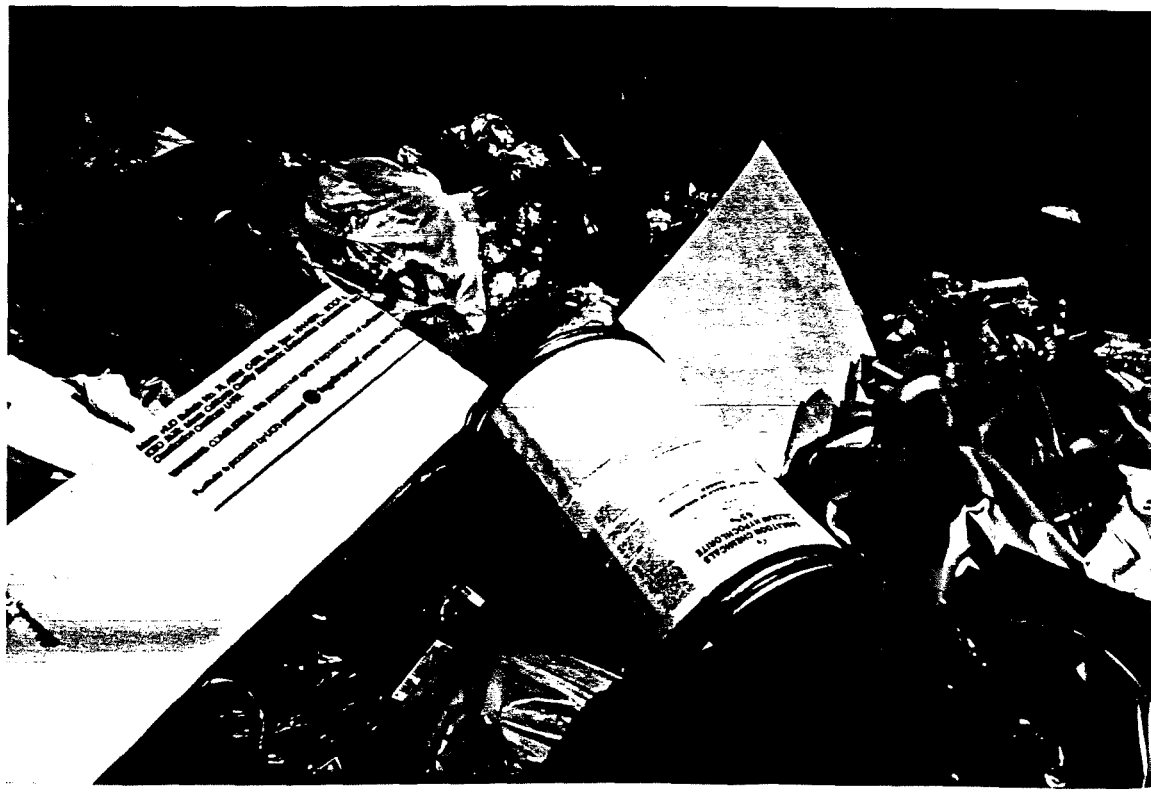




PHOTO No: 9 DATE: 8/13/92 TIME: 12
 TAKEN BY: PE WITNESS: DK
 FILM/SPEED: _____ CAMERA: _____
 DESCRIPTION: solid waste + soil contamination
near North Sump
 COMMENTS: _____



PHOTO No: 10 DATE: 8/13/92 TIME: _____
 TAKEN BY: PE WITNESS: DK
 FILM/SPEED: _____ CAMERA: _____
 DESCRIPTION: contaminated water + soil
near North Sump
 COMMENTS: _____

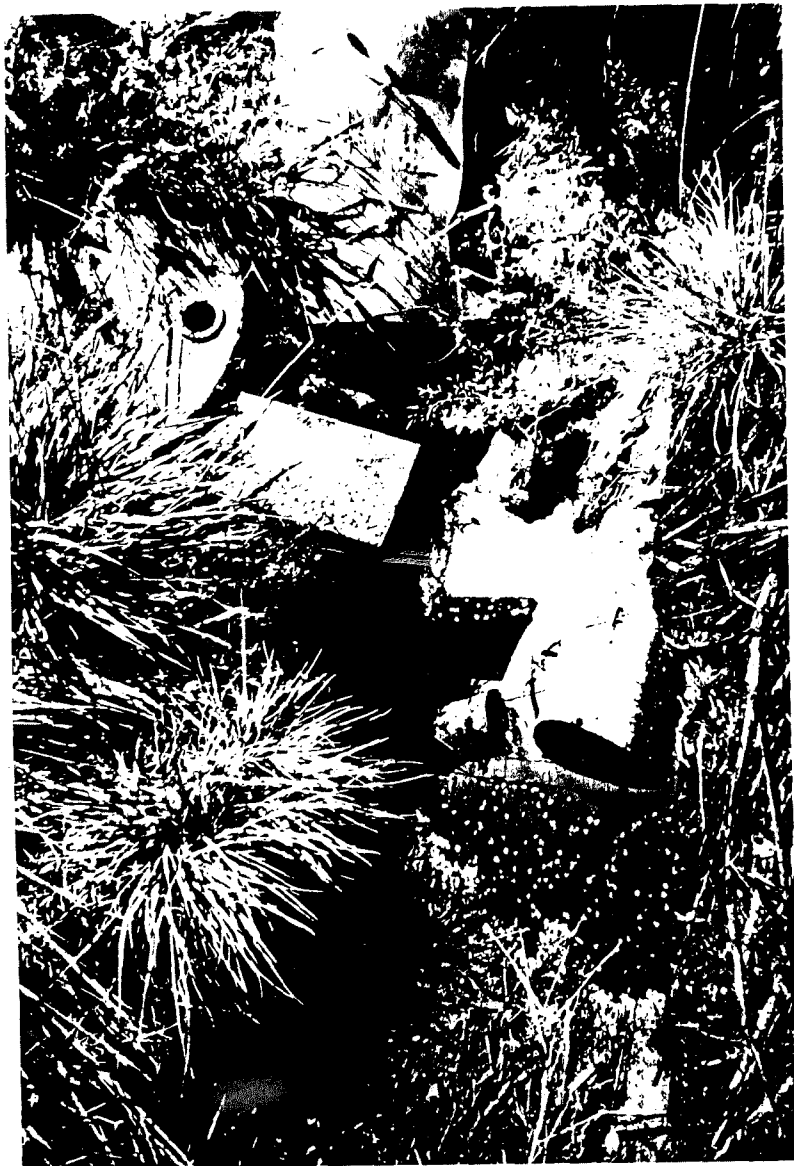


PHOTO No: 11 DATE: 8/13/92 TIME: 1205
 TAKEN BY: PK WITNESS: DK
 FILM/SPEED: _____ CAMERA: _____
 DESCRIPTION: closer look at standing
water near Under Swamp
 COMMENTS: _____

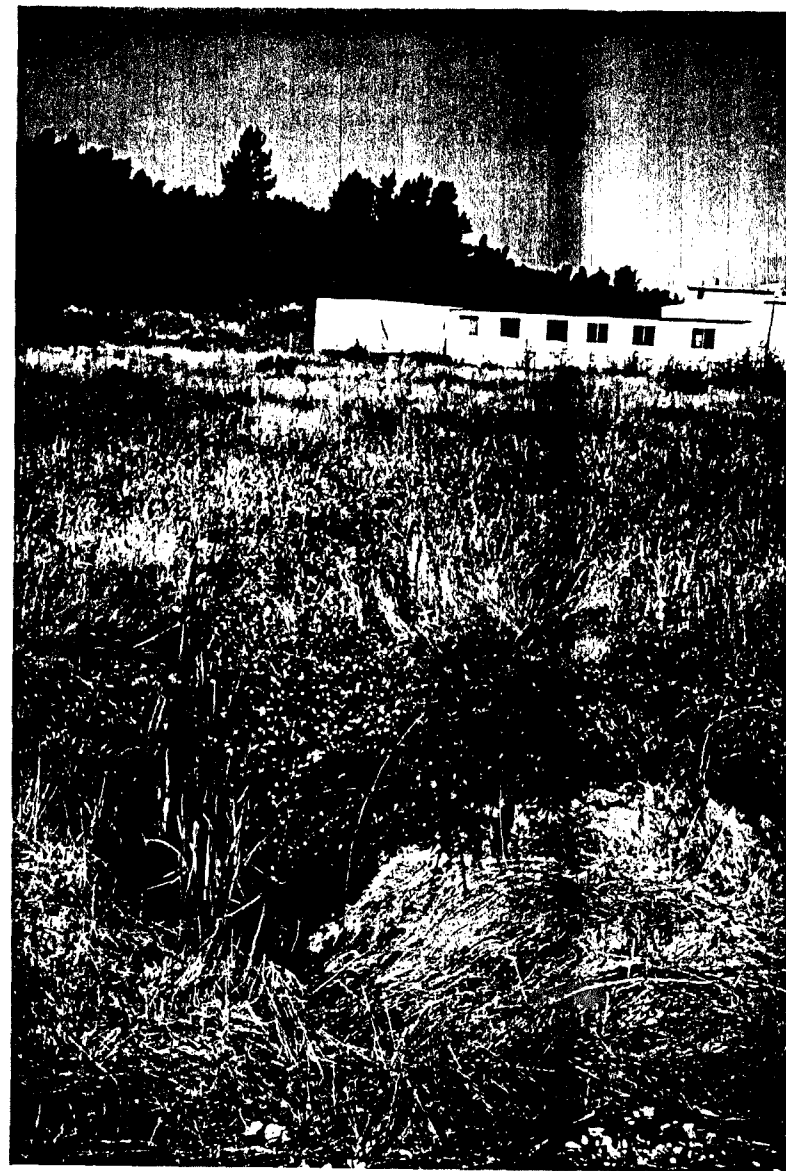


PHOTO No: 12 DATE: _____ TIME: _____
 TAKEN BY: _____ WITNESS: _____
 FILM/SPEED: _____ CAMERA: _____
 DESCRIPTION: Discharge from property
 COMMENTS: enters drainage ditch along
the road

